



AGRIBUSINESS INDUSTRY

MISSOURI TARGET INDUSTRY

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QUICK STATS AGRIBUSINESS STATEWIDE

2024 Average Annual Wage

\$57,166

28.2% increase from 2019-2024

2024 Employment Statewide

46,997

7.4% increase from 2019

Net Employment Change

2019-2024

3,243

2024 Number of Establishments

2,477

Employment Change

2019-2024

Crop Production

2,738

Fruit and Vegetable Preserving

1,336

Grain & Oilseed Milling

495

Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Other
Agriculture Chemical Manufacturing

465

Dairy Product Manufacturing

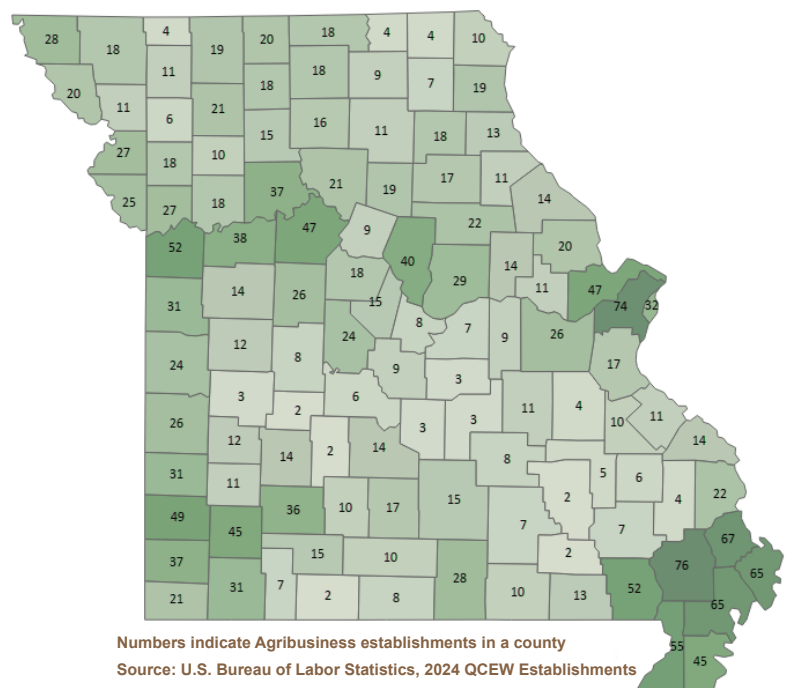
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The Agribusiness industry includes food production, maintenance, storage, and support industries. Agribusiness represents 1.9 percent of total private sector employment in Missouri, employing 46,997 workers across 2,477 establishments in 2024.

Location quotient (LQ) compares the regional share of an industry to the national share. LQs that are higher than the national average of 1.0 indicate a higher employment concentration within a region. Missouri has higher employment concentrations in *Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing* with an LQ of 3.24, *Grain and Oilseed Milling* with an LQ of 2.15, *Dairy Product Manufacturing* with an LQ of 1.93, and *Animal Slaughtering and Processing* with an LQ of 1.59.

Employment grew an average of 1.5 percent per year from 2019 to 2024, adding a total of 3,243 jobs. The industries with the greatest employment growth included *Crop Production; Fruit and Vegetable Preserving and Specialty Food Manufacturing; Grain and Oilseed Milling; and Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing*.

MISSOURI CONCENTRATION OF AGRIBUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS



AGRIBUSINESS TARGET INDUSTRY GROUP

NAICS	Industry	2024 Establishments	2024 Employment	2024 Average Annual Wage	2024 Employment LQ	2019-2024 Change in Employment
All	Total, All Industries	236,146	2,483,040	\$64,754	1.00	83,467
	Total, Agribusiness	2,477	46,997	\$57,166	1.10	3,243
111	Crop Production	981	7,418	\$47,654	0.73	2,738
112	Animal Production & Aquaculture	643	4,648	\$47,930	0.93	-121
113	Forestry & Logging	95	237	\$42,811	0.27	-44
114	Fishing, Hunting, & Trapping	10	23	\$40,007	0.16	3
115	Support Activities for Agriculture & Forestry	360	2,994	\$51,134	0.41	9
3112	Grain & Oilseed Milling	45	2,700	\$69,164	2.15	495
3114	Fruit & Vegetable Preserving & Specialty Mnfg.	61	4,182	\$60,507	1.28	1,336
3115	Dairy Product Manufacturing	53	6,085	\$67,706	1.93	454
3116	Animal Slaughtering & Processing	163	16,457	\$53,588	1.59	-2,092
3253	Pesticide, Fertilizer, Agricultural Chemical Mnfg.	61	2,253	\$94,326	3.24	465

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2024 Annual Data
Target Industry aggregation may not equal sum of detailed industries due to data suppressions.

The average annual private wage in Agribusiness in 2024 was \$57,166. This was \$7,588 less than the state's average annual private wage of \$64,754. The highest average annual wages within this industry were in *Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing; Grain and Oilseed Milling; Dairy Product Manufacturing; and Fruit and Vegetable Preserving and Specialty Food Manufacturing.*

Seven Agribusiness industries had net employment gains from 2019 to 2024. *Crop Production* had the largest gain in employment, adding 2,738 jobs. *Animal Slaughtering and Processing* is the largest industry, employing 16,457 workers, but had a large employment decline due to processing plant closures in 2024.

NOTES:
Target Industries are defined by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes relevant to the target industry cluster. Industry clusters are not mutually exclusive and may include similar industry codes.

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